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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

ALEXANDER et al.

Serial No.: 09/882,363

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Title: **ASSESSING THE CONDITION OF A JOINT  
AND PREVENTING DAMAGE**

) Examiner: M.F. Hindenburg

) Art Unit: 3736

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) **AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 19, 2002. Submitted herewith is a request for a three-month extension of time and appropriate fee, making a response due on or before January 19, 2003. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 03-3117 any further fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 which may be required by this paper, with the exception of the payment of the Issue Fee. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

**I. AMENDMENTS**

In the specification:

Please replace the paragraph [0040] with the following:

--Figures 8A and 8B show a 3-point Dixon GRE image of the articular cartilage of medial femorotibial compartment in a normal 35-year old volunteer. Figure 8A has the subject in a supine position and Figure 8B has the subject in an upright position.--